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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/247,054	Applicant(s) Antoniou et al.
	Examiner Anne-Marie Baker, Ph.D.	Group Art Unit 1632
		

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Apr 25, 2001

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1-21, 23, and 24

Identification of prior art discussed:

Safaya et al. (1994)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Examiner left a message for the attorney indicating that she would like to discuss some potentially allowable subject matter. Several claims have been indicated as allowable. However, with regard to the remaining claims, a 1994 reference which discloses the use of an LCR in a plasmid came to the attention of the Examiner after the interview of 12/12/00. The addition of the LCR to the plasmid construct resulted in increased promoter activity. During the interview Applicants argued that it would not have been obvious to use an LCR in an episome because LCRs had always been used in the context where they are integrated into the chromosome. However, the new reference disputes this assertion. The Examiner indicated that she would like to discuss the case with the attorney in light of this new reference to see if some agreement can be made regarding the allowable subject matter. The claims that have been indicated as allowable are still allowable.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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